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June 5, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE AMENDMENT ONE TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 74149 FOR
MODEL APPROACH TO PARTNERSHIP IN PARENTING (MAPP) AND
KINSHIP EDUCATION, PREPARATION SUPPORT (KEPS) TRAINING TO
PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS AND RELATIVE CAREGIVERS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Chair to sign Amendment One to Agreement Number 74149 for Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) and Kinship Education, Preparation Support (KEPS) with the Community College Foundation (CCF) to extend the Agreement for six additional months, from July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 with no change in the Maximum Contract Sum. The Maximum Contract Sum is \$2,363,363 and is financed using 75% Federal, 17.5% State and 7.5% County funds. Additionally, the County will receive from CCF's subcontractors an in-kind match of \$762,450. The FY 2003-04 Proposed County Budget includes funding for the MAPP/KEPS Agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action will enable the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to continue to provide training to foster parents and to relative caregivers so that they are qualified to care for children under the care and supervision of DCFS. The current Agreement with CCF expires on June 30, 2003. The six-month extension period will allow DCFS to complete the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to solicit proposals without disrupting training services to prospective foster parents and relative caregivers.

The County has received Federal Title IV-E funds to administer the MAPP and KEPS programs. MAPP and KEPS training programs for foster parents and relative caregivers, respectively, are designed to provide a firm foundation of knowledge, skills, and attitudes regarding foster care and enhance their ability to care for the children placed in their homes. Both programs assist foster and relative caregivers in identifying their roles as members of the service delivery and case planning team.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the principles of the County Strategic Plan. Efforts to provide the public with easy access to quality services with the intent to improve the health, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County are consistent with Goal #1-Service Excellence, and Goal #5-Children and Families' Well Being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The amendment does not alter the Maximum Contract Sum of \$2,363,363. The cost of the MAPP/KEPS Agreement is financed using 75% Federal, 17.5% State and 7.5% County funds. Additionally, the County will receive from CCF's community college subcontractors an in-kind match of \$762,450. The FY 2003-04 Proposed County Budget includes funding for the MAPP/KEPS Agreement.

The MAPP/KEPS Agreement is a fixed price contract. CCF provides the specified services over the term of the Agreement and is reimbursed at the Maximum Contract Sum. The contract funding has not been fully utilized to date; therefore, the remaining contract funding will be utilized from July 1 through December 30, 2003. Referrals to the MAPP/KEPS training did not materialize to the level on which the Maximum Contract Sum was based; therefore some classes were cancelled, consolidated or rescheduled. As a result, sufficient funds remain in the contract to provide MAPP/KEPS training beyond the current contract expiration date.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Public Law 99-272, which added Section 477 to Federal Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, the County has been authorized to provide MAPP and KEPS services.

CCF subcontracts with various community colleges to provide MAPP and KEPS training services on their campuses in a classroom atmosphere. The services under this Agreement include 36 hours of MAPP training for foster parents and 36 hours of KEPS training for relative caregivers. These services provide the foster parents and relative caregivers with guidance and a thorough understanding of their roles, which are essential for children's needs.

The current Agreement is a combination of the MAPP and KEPS programs. It was DCFS intent to separate the MAPP and KEPS programs into two separate agreements. Through a procurement by negotiation process, the Department began negotiations with a vendor for MAPP services, and the possibility of bringing the KEPS training program in-house was being evaluated. The Department conducted a cost analysis on KEPS and determined that bringing KEPS in-house was not cost effective. After further consideration, the Department determined that an RFP is the best method for selecting a vendor for both programs. Because of the time constraints to complete an RFP for KEPS, and because both programs are in one Agreement currently, an extension is necessary in order to complete the new RFPs. The Agreement extension will enable DCFS to conduct an RFP and return to your Board in early December 2003 recommending agencies for the continued provision of MAPP and KEPS training.

Contractor invoices for work performed in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. County will pay Contractor 75% of the total expenditures invoiced, up to the Maximum Contract Sum. CCF provides an in-kind match for the balance of the expenditures for the term of the Agreement. The six-month extension will not exceed the Maximum Contract Sum. The Agreement between the County and Contractor expressly provides that the County has no obligation to pay for expenditures by the CCF beyond the Maximum Contract Sum.

The Agreement includes provisions requiring Contractor to notify County when expenditures under this Agreement total 75% of the Maximum Contract Sum.

CCF is in compliance with all Board, Chief Administrative Office and County Counsel requirements. County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Office have reviewed this Board letter. Amendment One to Agreement Number 74149 has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

No additional contract process was used because Amendment One extends the current Agreement. The six-month extension, will allow training services to continue while DCFS releases and completes an RFP.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the Amendment will allow continuous training services without interruption to foster parents and relative caregivers who provide a valuable service to the clients served by the Department.

CONCLUSION

Upon execution of Amendment One to Agreement Number 74149, it is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board send an executed copy of the adopted Board Letter and any attachments to:

1. Department of Children and Family Services
Contracts Administration
Attention: Walter Chan, Contracts Manager
425 Shatto Place, Room 205
Los Angeles, CA 90020
2. Office of the County Counsel
Attention: Richard Bloom, Deputy County Counsel
201 Centre Plaza Drive
Ground Floor
Monterey Park, CA 91754
3. Community College Foundation
Attention: Delia Johnson, Vice President
14156 Magnolia Blvd., Suite 101
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED COPY ON FILE

DAVID SANDERS, PH.D.
Director

DS:ck

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel



**AMENDMENT ONE TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 74149 MODEL APPROACH TO
PARTNERSHIP IN PARENTING (MAPP) AND KINSHIP EDUCATION,
PREPARATION SUPPORT (KEPS) TRAINING TO PROSPECTIVE FOSTER
PARENTS AND RELATIVE CAREGIVERS**

This Amendment One to the Agreement Number 74149 adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 10, 2002, is made and entered into at Los Angeles, California, this ____ day of _____ 2003, by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and Community College Foundation, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the parties have previously entered into the Agreement to provide training services to prospective foster parents and relative caregivers; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has determined a need to extend Agreement 74149 for an additional six-month period, from July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and conditions set forth herein, the parties hereto and each of them do agree as follows:

1. TABLE OF CONTENTS is amended to add Sections 50.0, 51.0, 52.0 and to add to EXHIBITS, Exhibit B-1 and Exhibit P as follows:

50.0	MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER ON COUNTY'S WEBVEN.....	40
51.0	NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDER BABY LAW.....	40
52.0	CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDER BABY LAW.....	40

Exhibit B-1: Budget for Extension Period of July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003

Exhibit P: Safely Surrender Baby Law Fact Sheet

2. Section 1.0, APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS, Subsections 1.2 and 1.3 on pages 2 and 3 are modified to read as follows:

1.2 Exhibits A, A-1, B, B-1, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, and P set forth below are attached to and incorporated by reference in this Agreement.

1.3 In the event of any conflict in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, service, schedule, or contents of a deliverable product between this Agreement and Exhibits, or among Exhibits, said conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Agreement, and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority:

Exhibit A: Statement of Work

Exhibit A-1: Performance Requirement Summary

Exhibit B: Budget

Exhibit B-1: Budget for Extension Period of July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003

- Exhibit C: Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) Training Curriculum
- Exhibit D: Kinship Education, Preparation and Support (KEPS) Training Curriculum
- Exhibit E: Community Business Enterprise Form (CBE)
- Exhibit F: Contractor's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Certification
- Exhibit G: Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement
- Exhibit H: Auditor-Controller Contract Accounting and Administration Handbook
- Exhibit I: Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants
- Exhibit J: Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Internal Revenue Notice 1015)
- Exhibit K: Certification of Independent Price Determination
- Exhibit L: Child Support Compliance Program Certification
- Exhibit M: Contractor Employee Jury Service Policy**
- Exhibit N: Jury Service Program Application for Exception and Certification Form**
- Exhibit O: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Education Institutions**
 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-110, Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-profit Organizations
 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Non-profit Organizations
 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations
- Exhibit P: Safely Surrender Baby Law Fact Sheet

3. Section 3.0, TERM AND TERMINATION, on page 3 is deleted in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:

3.0 TERM AND TERMINATION

- 3.1 The term of this Agreement shall commence on September 1, 2002, or date of approval by COUNTY Board of Supervisors, whichever is later, and shall continue through June 30, 2003, unless terminated earlier as provided herein.**
- 3.2 The term of this Agreement shall be extended for a six-month period commencing on July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003, unless terminated earlier as provided herein.

4. Section 4.0, CONTRACT SUM, Subsection 4.3 on page 4 is modified to read as follows:

4.3. The Maximum Contract Sum shall not exceed \$2,363,363 for the contract period from September 17, 2002 through December 31, 2003.

5. Section 11.0, NOTICES, Subsection 11.1 on page 12 is modified to read as follows:

11.1 All notices shall be given in writing by enclosing the same in a sealed envelope addressed to the intended party and by depositing such envelope with postage prepaid in the United States Post Office or any substation or public letterbox. All notices to COUNTY shall be sent in duplicate addressed to the following:

David Sanders, Ph.D., Director
County of Los Angeles
Department of Children and Family Services
Attention: Contracts Administration
425 Shatto Place
Los Angeles, California 90020

6. Section 50.0, MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER ON COUNTY'S WEBVEN, is added to page 40 to read as follows:

50.0 MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER ON COUNTY'S WEBVEN

CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that it has registered in the COUNTY's WebVen. Prior to a contract award, all potential contractors must register in the COUNTY's WebVen. The WebVen contains the vendor's business profile and identifies the goods/services the business provides. Registration can be accomplished online via the Internet by accessing the COUNTY's home page at http://lacounty.info/doing_business/main_db.htm. *(There are underscores in the address between the words 'doing business' and 'main db'.)*

7. Section 51.0, NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDER BABY LAW, is added to page 40 to read as follows:

51.0 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDER BABY LAW

CONTRACTOR shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet

regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Exhibit P, Safely Surrender Baby Law Fact Sheet, of this Agreement and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

8. Section 52.0, CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDER BABY LAW, is added to page 40 to read as follows:

52.0 CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDER BABY LAW

CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the COUNTY places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrender Baby Law. The CONTRACTOR understands that it is the COUNTY's policy to encourage all COUNTY Contractor's to voluntarily post the COUNTY's "Safely Surrender Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the CONTRACTOR's place of business. The CONTRACTOR will also encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the subcontractor's place of business. The COUNTY's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the CONTRACTOR with the poster to be used.

9. Exhibit A, Statement of Work, Section 3.0, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, Subsection 3.1 on page 5 is amended to read as follows:

- 3.1 CONTRACTOR shall maintain regular contact with and be readily available to COUNTY Program Manager or the COUNTY Program Manager's designee. The COUNTY Program Manager assigned to this project is:

Edward Sosa, Division Chief, Out of Home Care
County of Los Angeles
Department of Children and Family Services
2525 Corporate Drive
Monterey Park, California 91754

Except as specifically provided to the contrary in this Amendment, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and affect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the COUNTY of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed by its Chair and the seal of such Board to be hereto affixed and attested by the Executive Office thereof, and CONTRACTOR has caused this Amendment to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer as of the day, month and year first above written. The persons signing on behalf of the CONTRACTOR warrant under penalty of perjury that he or she is authorized to bind the CONTRACTOR.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer-Clerk of the
Los Angeles County
Board of Supervisors

By _____

CONTRACTOR

By _____

Name _____

Title _____

By _____

Name _____

Title _____

Tax Identification Number

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
LLOYD W. PELLMAN, County Counsel

BY _____
County Counsel

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EXHIBIT B-1

**BUDGET FOR EXTENSION PERIOD OF
JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003**

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EXHIBIT P

**SAFELY SURRENDER BABY LAW
FACT SHEET**

No shame.

No blame.

No names.

**Newborns can be safely given up
at any Los Angeles County
hospital emergency room or fire station.**



In Los Angeles County:

1-877-BABY SAFE

1-877-222-9723

www.babysafela.org



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Grantland Johnson, Secretary

Department of Social Services
Rita Saenz, Director



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This initiative is also supported by First 5 LA and INFO LINE of Los Angeles.

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents to give up their baby confidentially. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, parents may give up their newborn without fear of arrest or prosecution.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially and safely give up a baby within three days of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a Los Angeles County emergency room or fire station. As long as the child shows no signs of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, workers will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their newborns within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

In most cases, a parent will bring in the baby. The law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have legal custody.

Does the parent have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so long as the parent gives the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does a parent have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital personnel will ask the parent to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the child. Although encouraged, filling out the questionnaire is not required.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment, if needed. Then the baby will be placed in a pre-adoptive home.

What happens to the parent?

Once the parent(s) has safely turned over the baby, they are free to go.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned by their parents and potentially being hurt or killed. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. The parents who committed these acts may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their infants. Abandoning a baby puts the child in extreme danger. It is also illegal. Too often, it results in the baby's death. Because of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, this tragedy doesn't ever have to happen in California again.

A baby's story

At 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2002, a healthy newborn baby was brought to St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino under the provisions of the California Safely Surrendered Baby Law. As the law states, the baby's mother did not have to identify herself. When the baby was brought to the emergency room, he was examined by a pediatrician, who determined that the baby was healthy and doing fine. He was placed with a loving family while the adoption process was started.

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a newborn, let her know there are other options.

It is best that women seek help to receive proper medical care and counseling while they are pregnant. But at the same time, we want to assure parents who choose not to keep their baby that they will not go to jail if they deliver their babies to safe hands in any Los Angeles County hospital ER or fire station.

Sin pena. Sin culpa. Sin peligro.

**Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados
en forma segura en la sala de emergencia de
cualquier hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos
del Condado de Los Angeles.**



En el Condado de Los Angeles:

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Grantland Johnson, Secretario

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Rita Saenz, Directora



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Esta Iniciativa tambien esta apollada por First 5 LA y INFO LINE de Los Angeles.

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro de California permite a los padres entregar a su recién nacido confidencialmente. Siempre que el bebé no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, padres pueden entregar a su recién nacido sin temor a ser arrestados o procesados.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura, dentro de los tres días del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de una sala de emergencias o de un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalete y el padre/madre recibirá un brazalete igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden empezar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Angeles, al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

En la mayoría de los casos, los padres son los que llevan al bebé. La ley permite que otras personas lleven al bebé si tienen la custodia legal del menor.

¿Los padres deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre puede llevar a su bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, mientras que entregue a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o de un cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital le pedirá que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para los cuidados que recibirá el bebé. Es recomendado llenar este cuestionario, pero no es obligatorio hacerlo.

¿Qué ocurrirá con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y, de ser necesario, recibirá tratamiento médico. Luego el bebé se entregará a un hogar preadoptivo.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre?

Una vez que los padres hayan entregado a su bebé en forma segura, serán libres de irse.

¿Por qué California hace esto?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés del abandono por parte de sus padres y de la posibilidad de que mueran o sufran daños. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Es posible que los padres que cometieron estos actos hayan estado atravesando dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus recién nacidos porque tenían miedo y no tenían adonde recurrir para obtener ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido lo pone en una situación de peligro extremo. Además es ilegal. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. Ahora, gracias a la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro, esta tragedia ya no debe suceder nunca más en California.

Historia de un bebé

A las 8:30 a.m. del jueves 25 de julio de 2002, se entregó un bebé recién nacido saludable en el St. Bernardine Medical Center en San Bernardino, en virtud de las disposiciones de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro. Como lo establece la ley, la madre del bebé no se tuvo que identificar. Cuando el bebé llegó a la sala de emergencias, un pediatra lo revisó y determinó que el bebé estaba saludable y no tenía problemas. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia, mientras se iniciaban los trámites de adopción.

**Cada recién nacido merece una
oportunidad de tener una vida saludable.
Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando
en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele
qué otras opciones tiene.**

Es mejor que las mujeres busquen ayuda para recibir atención médica y asesoramiento adecuado durante el embarazo. Pero al mismo tiempo, queremos asegurarles a los padres que optan por no quedarse con su bebé que no irán a la cárcel si dejan a sus bebés en buenas manos en cualquier sala de emergencia de un hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles.